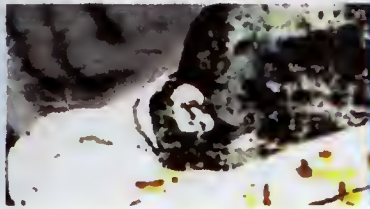
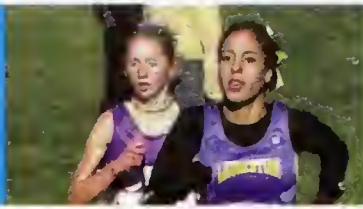


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## *Maclean's standing relatively unchanged for Laurentian*

BY BEN ROWE  
LAMBDA STAFF

It seems Laurentian University has some work to do. According to the latest Maclean's University Ranking, Laurentian had a disappointing showing in many areas, including student services, alumni support, grade point average entering university, and the proportion of Laurentian students who graduate.

It's not all doom and gloom, however, as the university acquitted itself well in several areas, including the number of students who have won national awards, the amount of the budget spent per student, and the total percentage of university expenditures devoted to scholarships and bursaries.

Laurentian was also rated high in terms of the low cost of dorm rooms and small class size in senior-level courses.

For male students, a male-female ratio of 37-63 is good news as well.

The Maclean's survey has become a national barometer for grading education across the country since its inception in 1991. Over the years, Laurentian's overall rating has remained fairly steadily mediocre. However, not all agree that the Maclean's poll is an accurate measure of how universities stack up nation-

wide.

"The survey does not adequately measure what we most value: accessibility, personalized service to our students, and a focused approach to programming and research," said Laurentian President Dr. Judith Woodsworth in a press release.

Woodsworth also said the survey was "designed for more traditional universities" in the same press release.

Sour grapes? Not necessarily. Even some highly ranked universities have complained that the process was skewed and the methodology flawed. In 1991, David Johnston, then principal of McGill, a top-rated university, called the ranking a little "blunt," according to Maclean's.

Making the process of ranking universities more difficult is deciding how to compare a school like Laurentian - a fairly small school with low enrolment - to schools like McGill, the University of Toronto or the University of British Columbia, schools with big budgets, and, in the case of U of T and UBC, massive budgets and libraries for research.

Categories were created to help sort out different types of schools.

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## **Rick Mercer: Talking to Canadians**



Kris Harris / LAMBDA

Rick Mercer visited the Laurentian campus on Nov. 16 to film a segment for his show, *Monday Report*. "I like Sudbury, I've been here before, a number of times," Mercer said. "Everyone I've ever known from Sudbury I thought was cool, so I thought I'd come here." Pictured here with Mercer are Medical Biology students Robbie Pastre and Kristin Hepting. The episode featuring Laurentian should air this Monday, Nov. 22 at 9 p.m. on CBC.

## Laurentian professor professes the glory of "Living with Lakes"

**Public lecture  
held on campus  
to celebrate  
Sudbury's nat-  
ural beauty and  
environment**

On Monday, Dr. John Gunn, Canada Research Chair in Stressed Aquatic Systems, Laurentian's lead scientist with the Cooperative Freshwater Ecology Unit, and biology professor at Laurentian University, presented a public lecture entitled "Living with Lakes: The Importance of Research and

Monitoring," in the amphitheatre of the Alphonse Raymond Building (room E-125).

This event was part of the University's Research Awareness Week, which has been running from November 15 until tomorrow.

Sudbury is a city of lakes. Not only are we fortu-

nate to be surrounded by more than 300 lakes within the city, but Sudbury's rich history of aquatic research and monitoring have important applications throughout the world. In this public lecture, Gunn described significant findings to date and plans for the future.

Gunn has a far-reaching reputation for his outstand-

ing research accomplishments in aquatic conservation. In 2000, he was presented the 2000 President's Fisheries Conservation Award by the American Fisheries Society for his research work on restoration ecology of lakes in Canada affected by acid rain.

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# EDITOR'S CORNER

## Stop the presses: the results are in

The first time that I read a MacLean's university survey was in high school. And I must admit that upon reading the results, I was second-guessing my choice to obtain my higher education in the Nickel-City. However, never being a city-girl, I stuck by my choice and traveled (south from where I'm from) to LU.

Well, the results are in again - MacLean's has just released the standings of their annual university survey. And, not to anyone's surprise, Laurentian is still straggling behind in 19th place.

Laurentian officials have attributed these generally poor results to the fact that the survey itself is not geared to place smaller universities in the ranks of more traditional ones like U of T.

For example, the exercise does not adequately measure things like accessibility, personalized service to students, or a focused approach to programming and research - all of which Laurentian offers.

Although I agree that the survey does not address these aspects, I also feel that

there are other inherent shortcomings of the survey that have not been addressed or rather, exposed. If I knew in high school what I know now, I probably would not have been fazed by the results, as would have questioned the polling procedure.

Most of the recent survey is based on numbers that are collected and tabulated on virtually everything university, from class sizes to parking. I always imagined a whole group of number crunchers at MacLean's, punching away at their computers, monitoring our every move - just waiting for the numbers to come in.

Considering this, imagine my surprise when I was called by a lone MacLean's researcher, who wanted me to answer a number of questions on behalf of the entire university community.

I proceeded to tell the very persistent, five phone calls a day employee that I did not feel that I was the right person to be answering her queries for a number of reasons. First, I hardly feel that I am reflective of the entire university population, and second, I have only been

at LU for one year and did not feel that I could answer her questions in fullness.

Being uncomfortable with her proposal, I offered to pass the survey on to the two student associations on campus for their review and completion. I thought that if the magazine was not going to provide the resources to even spot poll the students, that maybe the associations would be the next best step. At least they are in a sense a hub, where students can voice their concerns and would be more reflective of the general population than I am, solely sitting in my newspaper lab in the glow of my Mac.

Her solution: 'why not just get your staff together and do the survey.' I can tell you right now that the majority of our staff is pursuing the same degree, and many of us are journalism grads (not exactly a good cross-section of students).

So, to this very day, the survey sits in the tray by the fax machine because I am unwilling to participate in their farce, that they turn around and market as quality journalism. I adhere to higher standards than that

here at Lambda, and would expect higher from them.

To clarify, the survey that I speak of is not the one recently released, but rather the one that looks at hot spots on campus, student life, and so on. However, I am going to do some extrapolating of my own and look at that researcher's complete disregard for an accurate poll, and question the entire MacLean's operation. I mean, how on earth can I trust a publication that would take one person's opinion and pawn them off as those of the entire school? Correct me if I am wrong, but I hardly think you all share the same opinions as me.

So if you pick up the university edition of MacLean's, all I ask is that you do some cross-referencing of your own. I mean, if you wanted my opinion, you could have picked up Lambda for free. Sincerely,

*Debbie Sauve*

Debbie Sauve  
Editor-in-Chief

## Happy Mid-November!

Congratulations folks, you're on the home stretch! Only one month to go and then its Christmas break. Keep up the good work, you're almost there.

This weekend is the SGA/AGE 2nd Annual Curling Tournament at the Copper Cliff Curling Club. So, to those of you who already have signed up a team, get ready to rock! Cheesy pun, I know. If you're interested in participating but have not yet signed up a team, stop by the office and we'll see if we can get you in. The cost is only \$5 for SGA/AGE members and \$7 for non-SGA/AGE members. A bus will be provided from the campus for transport to the event.

There will also be a movie night on Thurs., Nov. 25, NOT on the 18 as originally stated. As our apology for the sudden change in date, the movie night will be free. So come on out on Thurs., Nov. 25 to the Little L.U. Theatre (Room C-309) where you can watch Fahrenheit 9/11 and Super Size Me.

For those of you who remembered to opt out of the health plan, the cheques are now in the office, so make sure to stop by and pick them up.

Also, this week the SGA/AGE executive will be working on a submission paper for the Rae Review. Hopefully many of you are aware that there is a post-secondary review currently underway.

The review committee is headed up by former premier Bob Rae. The SGA/AGE will be putting together a submission to this panel and we are interested in your input. If you have any comments that you would like included in the submission, stop by the office to see myself or Shailagh (VP Issues), or e-mail us at sgapresident@laurentian.ca or vpissues@laurentian.ca.

As well, if you have any questions or would like to get involved with the Rae review, stop by the office or contact Shailagh or myself and we will be happy to answer them.

I would also like to encourage you to tune in Tuesday mornings from 10:00 am to 11:00 am to listen to the fabulous SGA/AGE morning show with Shailagh and Cathy. Our program includes all upcoming events, both SGA/AGE and university, and issues affecting students are discussed.

Have a great couple weeks, study hard, and don't forget to take a break!

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# CAMPUS NEWS

## Fall Convocation



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Shown above are Dr. Yadh Ben Achour and Dr. Judith Woodsworth at this year's Fall Convocation.

BY NATALIE WALDBROOK  
LAMBDA CONTRIBUTOR

On Sat., Nov. 6, the Fall 2004 Convocation ceremony was held in the Fraser Auditorium at Laurentian University. During the ceremony, 235 students received degrees. Present were 31, 685 alumni who have earned degrees throughout the past 44 years since Laurentian University has opened its doors, with 250 being alumni from last year.

The ceremony was held to acknowledge the accomplishments of successful graduates and scholarly individuals. Held in a traditional form, the ceremony was a success. Many parents and relatives of the graduates showed their appreciation towards the ceremony.

A father of one graduate wrote to express his highest regard for the Laurentian University President, Dr. Judith Woodsworth and the faculty at Laurentian University saying, "the entire ceremony was impressive, traditional and held in the most lovely state of decorum".

The Convocation ceremony itself requires extensive planning and effort from all those involved. The booking of musicians, preparing a reception,

arranging for photographs and videos to be taken, as well as providing parking and security are all areas that need organization in preparation for the ceremony.

Several departments at Laurentian University play an essential role in the plan-

*"He is an outstanding scholar who has made a difference by building bridges across civilizations"*

- Dr. Judith Woodsworth

ning, such as the Office of the Registrar, President's Office, Alumni Relations, and Public Affairs. The detailed process involves everything from the creation of diplomas and preparing programs, to choosing an Honorary Degree recipient. This year the respected and successful Dr. Yadh Ben Achour was selected to receive the award.

Achour, a published author of seven books and numerous articles, was awarded Laurentian's most

honoured award, an Honorary Doctorate of Laws. As the former Dean of the Faculty of Legal, Political, and Social Sciences in Tunis, Tunisia, Achour has been dedicated to educating Western humanity on the Islamic and Arab World.

He has been described by Woodsworth as an "outstanding scholar who has made a difference by building bridges across civilizations".

The award and speech were presented by Woodsworth, "A strong believer in dialogue between the Western and Arab worlds, Dr. Ben Achour has enabled the West to understand the complexities of Islam and to become aware of the influence of Islamic religion on their political and legal systems.

"In light of the growth of the Muslim population of the City of Greater Sudbury and Laurentian University, Laurentian is proud to honour a recognized proponent of mutual understanding and dialogue between the Western and Arab worlds, and contribute to their reconciliation."

The university would like to thank everyone who took part in the ceremony and made it a special day for the graduates, family members, and faculty.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Huntington to present 12-hour long Piano Marathon



which is intended to celebrate the piano and its repertoire.

Since its invention in the mid-18th century, the piano has played a central role in Western music. It has the richest and most diverse repertoire of any instrument. Many major composers have written extensively for the piano, and one of the greatest, Chopin, devoted himself exclusively to it.

Classical piano, both as an accompaniment and solo instrument, will be heard throughout the morning and afternoon. The focus will shift to jazz and popular music in the evening. The bar will be open after 7:30 pm.

Cambrian College and Huntington University faculty members are participating in the Marathon, along with local piano teachers, elementary and secondary school students, and university and college students.

Huntington University will present Piano Marathon II on Sat., Nov. 20, from 10 am to 10 pm in the Social Centre, Huntington University College, on the Laurentian University campus. Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

Many of Sudbury's finest musicians, including a rising generation of young performers, will be participating in this 12-hour performance event,

### Laurentian Student Alumni to coordinate "Loonie Line" to help students in need

The Laurentian Student Alumni (LSA) is coordinating a "Loonie Line" this month to help out their fellow students in need.

From Nov. 15 - 25 LSA members will be canvassing staff, faculty and students on campus for their spare change. The "Loonie Line" is a long banner placed on the ground in the busy corridor of the Bowling Alley indicating the amount raised throughout the day. All money collected will be donated to the SGA food bank.

"LSA's first charity project this year will be a great opportunity for the Laurentian community to help out the students that need some assistance this holiday season," said Vikki Pownall, LSA President. "I challenge the staff and students of Laurentian to give what they can to this great cause: I'll see you out there."

This initiative is just one of the charity projects being undertaken by Laurentian Student Alumni this year. For more information, please contact the Alumni Relations office at 705-675-4818.

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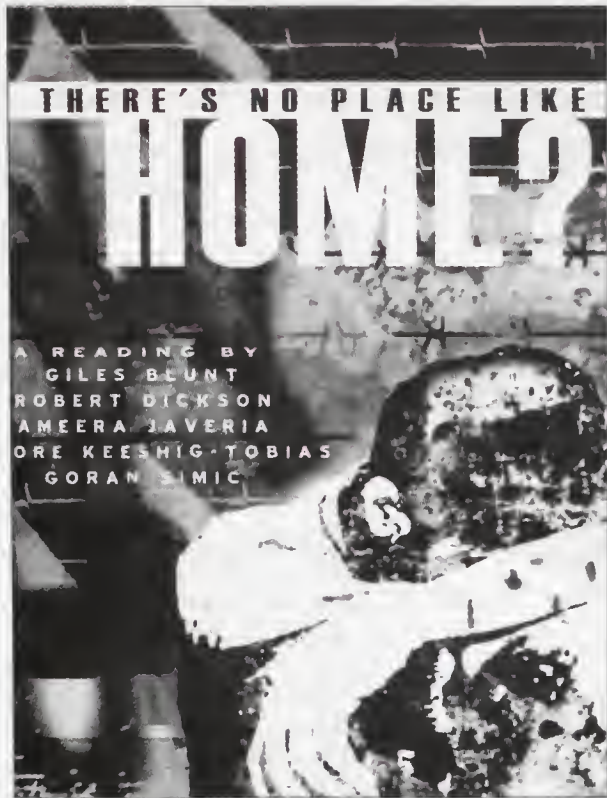
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## Laurentian hosts international writers



BY NEIL ZACHARJEWICZ  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Since its inception, PEN Canada has fought campaigns on behalf of writers around the world who have been persecuted for expressing their thoughts.

But according to Philip Adams, PEN Canada has another responsibility once their efforts to free a writer become successful: "What do we do with

these extraordinarily talented writers?"

Adams, the Readers and Writers Coordinator for PEN Canada, explained that many of these writers find, upon their escape to another country, that they are not able to continue writing. They end up as security guards, working in grocery stores and other such jobs, he suggested.

"These people are huge writers in their own countries, and they come here and they are nobodies," Adams said. That is why PEN Canada created the Readers and Writers series, which links these writers with established Canadian writers, takes them on tours, and helps them to find placements, whether in educational institutes or elsewhere. Adams said it is an opportunity for them to get out and tell their story.

On Thurs., Nov. 11, Laurentian University played host to the latest installment of the Readers and Writers series, with five writers taking part in the event. The theme for the event was 'There Is No Place Like Home? Tell Me About It,' and the participants gathered in the Brenda Wallace Reading Room at the J.N. Desmarais Library.

The event featured readings by Giles Blunt, author of 'Cold Eye,' 'the Delicate Storm,' and 'Forty Words for Sorrow,' which won the British Crime Writers' Macallan Silver Dagger Award for Fiction; Robert Dickson, a French studies and translation professor at Laurentian who won the 2002 Governor General's Literary Award in French in the category of poetry; Ameera Javeria, a journalist from Pakistan who has focused on human rights and crimes against women, and had to flee to America because of threats resulting from her work; Lenore Keeshig-Tobias, an award-

winning poet, children's author and storyteller, and a member of the Chippewas of Nawash First Nation; and Goran Simic, who was born in Bosnia and has published 11 volumes of poetry, drama and short fiction, which have been translated into nine languages and performed across Europe.

"We are thrilled to have these talented and diverse writers on the tour. They will offer a much different perspectives, not just through their writing, but from how they address the theme of these events," Adams said.

He noted that PEN Canada was excited about the opportunity to come to Sudbury for the event, much of which was made possible by the involvement of Dr. Judith Woodsworth, president of Laurentian University and a member of PEN Canada.

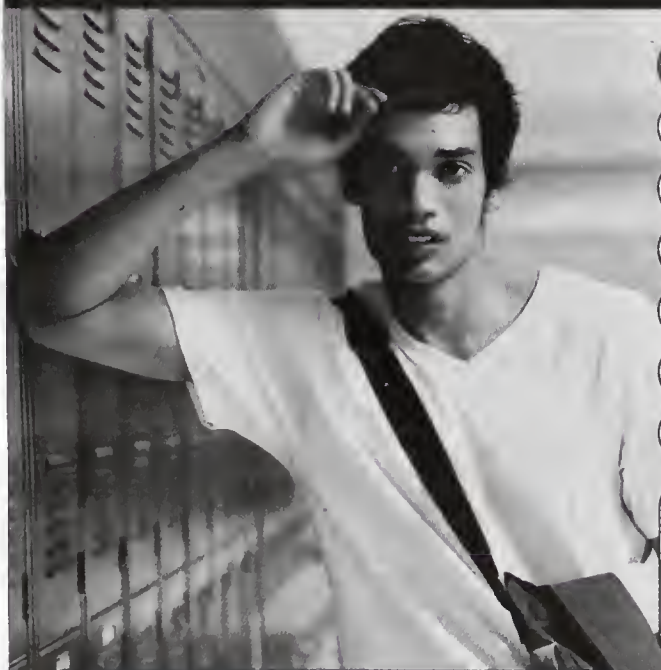
"Dr. Woodsworth's support has been fabulous for this program," Adams said.

"We are pleased to have in our midst a group of distinguished writers who reflect our values of diversity and our mission as a bilingual and tri-cultural institution," said Dr. Woodsworth, with regard to the event.

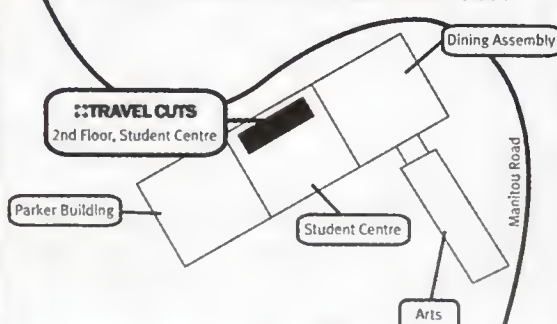
Adams said another reason that PEN Canada was intrigued with coming to Sudbury is the growth of cultural diversity within the community. Toronto, Adams noted, is now composed of a lot fewer European-descended people, and he suggested Sudbury seems to be mirroring that trend as well. He said it had been a long time since he had last visited Sudbury.

"I was in awe of the changes that have happened (in Sudbury)," Adams said. "It is an extraordinary community."

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# CAMPUS NEWS

## Special Needs stretching reach to more students



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The Special Needs Office is located in the R.D. Parker Building, room L-210 beside the Student Life desk

BY TARYN GREEN  
LAMBDA CONTRIBUTOR

Fifteen years ago Laurentian University welcomed an addition to the Student Life Department. In November of 1989 the Special Needs office began accommodating students with learning, psychological and physical disabilities.

Earl Black, the Special Needs coordinator, and his team have been working hard over the past fifteen years to help students make the proper adjustments to University life. In 1981 the Ontario Human Rights Commission passed a policy stating that every University must answer to the needs of academically qualified special needs students, so that they can obtain the proper educational experience.

The Policy even states that a student with special needs has a right to attempt all University courses, programs, and activities as long

as he or she meets the academic requirements and that the University must make reasonable effort to adapt to the disabilities of students. It states that it is only right to give everyone a fair chance.

The Laurentian University Special Needs office has been doing an amazing job, never turning away a single student that thinks he or she might need a little extra assistance. This year, four per cent of Laurentian Students (which equates to over 300 people) are qualified and registered in the program and Black says this number is growing. "For some reason there are more students coming to use our services than before," Black said. "They know to come here and, I guess, they're just realizing now that they should identify themselves."

"Maybe the comfort level is ok to say 'well now that I'm familiar with the university, I better make sure I put some support some-

place' or that they are realizing they could handle their disability before university, but now it is a little bit too much."

Some of the services available for qualified Special Needs students are extended time for tests and exams, a separate and quiet room to minimize stress levels and distractions, voice input to computer, handicapped parking, proof readers, computerized note taking, enlargement devices for classroom materials etc., talking calculators, electronic note takers for deaf, deafened and hard of hearing, career counseling and help with time management skills.

"I'd say the majority of our students, right now, probably don't even know they have a disability," Black said. But he encourages anyone who thinks that they might benefit from the assistance of the Special Needs Office to at least go in and ask.

Some students have attention deficit disorders who need to do an exam somewhere with minimal distractions, others are better at expressing themselves orally but cannot gather their thoughts on paper, and some just get so stressed that they freeze up and cannot write an exam. No matter the disability, Black and his

staff have the resources available to make life at Laurentian a little more bearable.

"I think students should feel comfortable about coming here," he continued. "If I can correct them in their need for writing assistance, tutoring, counseling - anything they may need help with, I'd rather them come and at least filter through and put them on the right track."

"As long as they are a student at Laurentian, my goal is to get them what they need. Even if it turns out they don't have a disability they can still get counseling for those different reasons."

For more information about the services available, the Special Needs office is located in the R.D. Parker Building, room L-210 beside the Student Life desk or by visiting their website <http://www.laurentian.ca/specneeds> which answers an array of questions.

"I think it is really important that they come here, some people worry about being labeled, but what do you want to do?" Black exclaimed. "Pay for extra years of schooling because you're struggling or do you want accommodations?"

"The bottom line is, anyway, that some people think, 'ok, so I have accommodations here, but what am I going to do when I get to work?' But it's the same; the duty to accommodate is the same thing in the work force too."

The Staff at the Special Needs Office are eager and ready to answer any questions and to help in any way.

## Walkhome Service now available

For those of you who are working long hours in the library, have night classes, or just feel intimidated by long walks on campus pathways, Laurentian University offers a Walkhome Service to students and staff.

All students have to do is call between the hours of 6:30 pm and midnight (2 am on weekends), and they will be assured that they will have two volunteers (one male, one female) that will meet them and walk them home.

The program runs seven days a week to ensure that no one is stuck anywhere after dark by themselves.

The Walkhome Service coordinators stress that the program is not just for the use of residence dwellers. You can receive accompaniment to your car, the library or to any other building on campus.

If you are interested in helping the service, they require volunteers. You can contact them at Parking and Security at 675-1151 ext. 6562. You are also reminded that you do not have to live on campus to use the service, or to be a volunteer. The Walkhome Service is for everyone who is on campus, staff, students, faculty and visitors alike.

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## And the survey says...



Ben Rowe / LAMBDA

First-year Geography student Nathalie Mantha takes a time out to leaf through the Maclean's survey in the J.N. Desmarais Library.

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The three categories are: Comprehensive (schools with significant amounts of research activities and a wide range of programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels, including professional degrees); Medical Doctoral (universities with a broad range of Ph.D programs and

research, as well as medical schools); Primary Undergraduate (universities focused on undergraduate education, with relatively few graduate programs). Laurentian is in the last category.

Maclean's decided to use student satisfaction to help gauge how well the universities treated their students and how happy the students were with their learning experience. The Maclean's survey uses graduates between 1999 and 2001. In some areas, Laurentian did well.

Laurentian was eighth in the number of students who have won national awards in the past five years. The school also fared well in the expenditures per student category, finishing fifth overall.

Our university was also fourth in the percentage of total operating expenditures devoted to scholarships and bursaries, finishing a strong fourth overall.

However, when it comes to student services, Laurentian was dismal. Of the 21 schools in the Primary Undergraduate category, Laurentian was 19th in the percentage of overall expenditures devoted to student services.

The number of international students continues to grow at Laurentian, as evidenced by the school's 12th place finish in the percentage of students from outside Canada (3.2 per cent). Acadia led this category at 16.6 per cent.

When it comes to admissions requirements, Laurentian was considerably down the list.

The proportion of students entering their first year at Laurentian with a 75 per cent average was only 45th out of the 47 total schools in all three categories. Only 54.89 per cent of first-year LU students managed this, compared to McGill at 99.91 per cent, Western University at 99.9 and Queen's University at 99.85 per cent, the three highest in the country.

The number of students that complete first year and return for their second was 24th overall, at 85.8 per cent. Laval led at 95.3 per cent.

The proportion of students who graduate from Laurentian University was also low (43rd out of 47). Only 71.7 per cent of student

who enter LU actually graduate, compared to 92.7 per cent at McGill, the national leader.

The survey took the response of university graduates to come up with a national reputation ranking, where Laurentian scored low again.

For Best Overall, the University of Toronto was first, while LU was a distant 44th out of 47. Highest Quality went to Queen's, with Laurentian 45th.

But an example of this survey missing the mark comes in the categories of Most Innovative and Leaders of Tomorrow. Laurentian was 45th and 35th, respectively, but with new and unique programs like the Bachelor of Commerce in sports administration, unique to the country, and the continued development of research departments like the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory and the Cooperative Freshwater Ecology Unit bode well for the future.

The new Northern Ontario School of Medicine will also help Laurentian grow and prosper, according to Paul de la Riva of Public Relations. A recent press release states that the new school has received over 2,100 applications for 56 positions within the school.

## Students celebrate International Education Week at Laurentian

BY NEIL ZACHARJEWICZ  
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Laurentian University is in the throes of its first-ever International Education Week.

The events are scheduled to correspond with similar events across the country, as many educational institutions are also participating in the celebrations.

"It's the first time Canada has taken part in International Education Week," noted Renee Zulich, manager of international services for Laurentian.

Over 85 countries around the world are participating in International Education Week this year. The event began on Nov. 15, and will continue until tomorrow, with the feature event scheduled for today (Nov. 18).

"It's going to be an international fair," Zulich explained. The event, which is being held in the "bowling alley," will feature student profiles, international exhibits, information on opportunities for Canadian students to study abroad, travel information, and exhibits from a variety of cultural organizations.

Another event, scheduled for tonight at 7 pm, is a free movie night in room C-309. The feature movie of the evening is 'Children of Heaven,' an internationally acclaimed film being presented by Dr. Hoi Cheu.

Each day of International Education Week features special presentations courtesy of Aramark to be held in the


Great Hall. Monday's feature was about Iran, while China was highlighted on Tuesday. South Africa was given the spotlight on Wednesday, and today's feature is East India.

On Friday, the Aramark feature will be the Antilles Islands. Zulich pointed out that each day students will be presented the opportunity to enjoy International dishes.


In addition to the Aramark features, Dr. Raoul-Etongue Mayer hosted a special presentation on Tuesday entitled 'Laurentian University in International Education.' Wednesday featured 'Diversity,' a presentation by Professor Jean-Charles Cachon. Another presentation is planned for Friday, from noon until 1 pm in the third-floor Student's Center, entitled 'Study Opportunities Abroad for LU Students' by Bora Ugurgel.

"We've done our best to organize this in only a few weeks," Zulich explained, noting it has been in the works for three weeks. She continued that Laurentian University boasts approximately 430 international students, a number that has been on the rise since 2000, but the students are not the only focus of the event.

"International Education Week is intended to highlight not only the international students, but also the programs and projects," she said. All of these activities, Zulich explained, are intended to strengthen the understanding of international education and its importance.



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# CAMPUS NEWS

## Activist encourages Canada to protect natural resources from privatization

(CUP) - Canada must protect its natural resources from privatization, Oscar Olivera, a Bolivian activist and award-winning humanitarian, told students and staff at the University of Manitoba Nov. 4.

Olivera worked in a factory for 11 years in Cochabamba, Bolivia's third largest city.

In 1999, the Bolivian government introduced a law that allowed for the privatization of the city's water supply. Cochabamba's water was then contracted to an Italian-owned company, International Water Ltd., and U.S.-based Bechtel Enterprise Holdings.

Following the Bolivian government's decision, the price of water rose quickly, with monthly bills reaching \$20 or more.

"Each family had to put one-fifth of their financial resources towards water," said Olivera, who spoke through a translator. "You had to buy into their system."

Spurred forward by restrictive laws preventing the poor from even collecting rainwater, Olivera spearheaded a campaign to return his community's water supply to its citizens. He acted as the spokesperson for an organization, the Coalition in Defence of Water and Life, and led protests against the government and the corporations.

In April 2000, the Bolivian government took note and rescinded its 40-year contract with the companies, turning over the city's water system to Olivera's coalition.

In 2001, because of this victory, Olivera won the Goldman Prize, an award recognizing his efforts to protect the environment. He also appeared in a Canadian-produced documentary last year, *The Corporation*.

Speaking to students, Olivera said it is important for Canadians to make sure their natural resources do not fall into the wrong hands.

"These things are happening many places in Latin America," he said. "(We must) build bridges between the people in the North and the people in the South."

Bolivia's long history of resource exploitation dates back to the 16th century, when the Spanish began mining in the country. Earlier this year, Coeur d'Alene, the U.S.'s largest silver producer,



OSCAR OLIVERA

announced plans to launch a tin and silver mining operation south of La Paz, the Bolivian capital.

However, the wealth of the country's natural resources has not helped its 8.7 million people. Two-thirds of Bolivians remain in poverty.

"For every 100 students that start school, only four are able to go to university," said Olivera. "Of every three girls that begin public school, only one gets to the third grade."

Tara Williamson, a social work student who helped organize Olivera's appearance, said his message was an important one for Canadians.

"What really struck home for me was when he said that (the privatization of resources) was going to be happening in the North," she said. "It helped to personalize something that's happening in South America."

In his conclusion, Olivera addressed what he considered the absurdity of his government's decision, saying privatizing water is "like trying to privatize our dreams."

## Websites monitor Rae review

(CUP) - In response to widespread criticism of Ontario's review of post-secondary education, two websites have been set up to monitor the work of the review panel, headed by former Ontario premier Bob Rae.

The Rae review was established by Premier Dalton McGuinty to examine and recommend improvements to the system in the province.

The site *RaeReview.com* was recently launched by Ontario's College Student Alliance to convey facts and its views on the direction the government is taking with the Rae review. The Canadian Federation of Students has set up another site, *ReviewRae.ca*.

Neither site is affiliated with *RaeReview.on.ca*, the official website of the Rae review.

A major reason the College Student Alliance created *RaeReview.com* was to make it easier for the average student to understand and be informed about the review, according to the website. Another reason was to get students involved in the review process.

"To the average student, the (Rae review) is very long," said Jon Olinski, director of advocacy at the College Student Alliance. "We condensed it into a short version."

Olinski said he is concerned the review process may lead to further financial stress for students already struggling with student debt, as well as further cuts to bursaries. He added years of government cuts to Ontario's colleges have compromised their ability to sustain the quality of education offered to an ever-increasing number of students.

"Small colleges have seen much deeper cuts" than universities, said Olinski, noting five schools no longer have directors of student services.

The website includes a college fact sheet, designed to point out important information concerning the fight for equality in college funding. As well, statistics claim Ontario's colleges serve 52 per cent more students than 15 years ago, while full-time staff has decreased by 18.7 per cent. According to the website, its statistics have been compiled by College Student Alliance and from government studies.

"The college fact sheet hit key areas using the best facts. We try to use the best facts from the best sources," said Olinski. "One (figure from the Rae review) didn't include ancillary fees; we thought that wasn't fair."

The CFS launched *ReviewRae.ca* Nov. 1 and the site has a similar aim as the College Student Alliance's.

Jesse Greener, provincial chair of the CFS, said websites and student participation are important to keep student interests the key factor in the Rae review.

Greener asserted Rae has been largely ignoring student concerns about tuition fee hikes.

The government "wants to allow institutions to increase tuition fees to cover a greater proportion or even all the costs," said Greener. "Fees would become unregulated, and (schools) would charge whatever the market could bear."

The Rae review's initial report is due out January 2004.

## Don't steal from education for health: Lacroix

(CUP) - If the federal government siphons funding from education to ease the deepening healthcare crisis, Canada will fall even further behind knowledge-focused nations like China, says a Québec university rector.

Canada needs to rethink how it is spending public money to ensure the future of post-secondary education, Robert Lacroix, rector of the Université de Montréal, told about 50 people at the National Press Club in Ottawa Nov. 4.

"I am not arguing that we should take from health to give to education," said Lacroix, who has been active in higher education policy for 30 years. "I am not the Robin Hood of higher education."

But if not enough resources are invested in post-secondary education now, health services will suffer in the future, Lacroix said.

"All I am saying is that we have to rethink how we

balance our public finances in order to guarantee quality education for today's students," he said in his bilingual address.

Lacroix said China and Italy have surpassed Canada in research productivity recently, and that by 2008, South Korea will also surge ahead. This trend is alarming right now, Lacroix said, because Paul Martin's minority government has been vague about support for key research funds, like the Canada Research Chair program that enables universities to attract and retain experts.

The government trend towards tying research money to commercial partnerships must also be closely monitored, Lacroix said, or the spirit of innovation will be lost.

Commercialization becomes a problem if the government starts expecting universities to find private sources to make up for disappearing public funding,

said Robert Best, vice-president of national affairs for the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, after Lacroix's talk.

"It is very important that the federal government stays the course," Best said, referring to public support for research in Canada.

But Best also said sustaining funding for research won't matter if the core operating expenses at universities aren't covered.

Federal funding for operating budgets of universities is doled out in a social transfer to each province, which then decides how much of the money will be invested in universities and colleges. This means if the federal government wants to dedicate more money to education in the transfer it will run into "jurisdictional issues" with the provinces, Best said.

Because of this, the federal government is more likely to provide support through research funding

than to tinker with the distribution of the transfer payment, Best said.

Having a minority government in power also makes bringing attention to the problem difficult, Lacroix said in an interview afterwards.

"The problem is people really think that investing in research, investing in the quality of education, investing in creativity, is not necessarily the best way to increase the vote of people for your party," Lacroix said. "So, for a minority government it is not easy."

"It is a short-term government, looking at short-term problems, and short-term solutions," Lacroix said, adding the Liberals are more concerned about "what is happening in the political market."

Lacroix said because of this, universities must convince the public, and the media, that investing in education should be a priority. He said this has been done

much more effectively in the United States where research has been "valorized" in public opinion.

"Universities have a tremendous responsibility to explain to people the importance of this kind of investment," Lacroix said.

Bob LeDrew, manager of media relations for the University of Ottawa, agreed with Lacroix, saying universities must show the public they are doing meaningful things with the money they get from government.

"There is a sense of duty," said LeDrew in a phone interview. "We receive great sums of money."

LeDrew said the University of Ottawa tries to engage the public through everything from advertising to community outreach programs. It is important to show that universities are not "ivory towers" that don't interact with the public, he said.



# SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

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## Arctic warming occurring at alarming rate

*Arctic summer ice is projected to decline by at least 50% by the end of this century*

BY LUKE NORTON  
S&T EDITOR

The Arctic is warming much more rapidly than previously known, and at nearly twice the rate as the rest of the globe. Increasing greenhouse gases from human activities are projected to make it warmer still, according to a four-year scientific study of the region conducted by an international team of scientists.

According to the Arctic Climate Impact Assessment (ACIA) report, at least half the summer sea ice in the Arctic is projected to melt by the end of this century. Further to this, a significant portion of the Greenland Ice Sheet is projected to warm an additional 4-7(°C) by 2100.

In Alaska, Western Canada, and Eastern Russia average winter temperatures have increased as much as 3-4(°C) in the past 50 years, and are projected to raise 4-7(°C) over the next 100 years.

These changes will have major global impacts, including possible shifts in oceanic and atmospheric currents, an accelerated rise in sea levels, and wider variations in precipitation.

"The evidence in this assessment shows that change is hitting the Arctic, and it's hitting the Arctic first and worst," says Joe Linklater of Gwich'in Council International. "The Arctic states know that concerted international action is required to combat this change. They must show that they're willing, together, to take the first step."

For the Arctic's Indigenous Peoples, the problems created by global warming have already begun. In some cases, communities and industrial facilities in coastal zones are already threatened or being

forced to relocate.

"The impacts of global warming are affecting people now in the Arctic," says Robert Corell, chair of the ACIA. "The Arctic is experiencing some of the most rapid and severe climate change on earth. The impacts of climate change on the region and the globe are projected to increase substantially in the years to come."

The Assessment is also painting a bleak picture for the future of the indigenous peoples of the Arctic. The study projects that with the disappearance of Arctic Sea ice, entire species such as ringed seal and polar bear could become extinct.

It also predicts that people who rely on caribou and reindeer for their food and livelihood could face extreme difficulties, as forage for those animals are locked under ice. These challenges could potentially place the survival of some cultures in jeopardy.

"Everything is under threat," says Chief Gary Harrison of the Arctic Athabaskan Council. "Our homes are threatened by storms and melting permafrost, our livelihoods are threatened by changes to the plants and animals we harvest. Even our lives are threatened, as traditional travel routes become dangerous."

The shows that people outside of the Arctic also have cause for concern. The Arctic is a major driver of the world's weather systems. As the Arctic climate changes, it is changing the climate in the rest of the world. The warm ocean currents that presently heat northern Europe may slow down or stop altogether according to some projections.

"The Arctic is the early

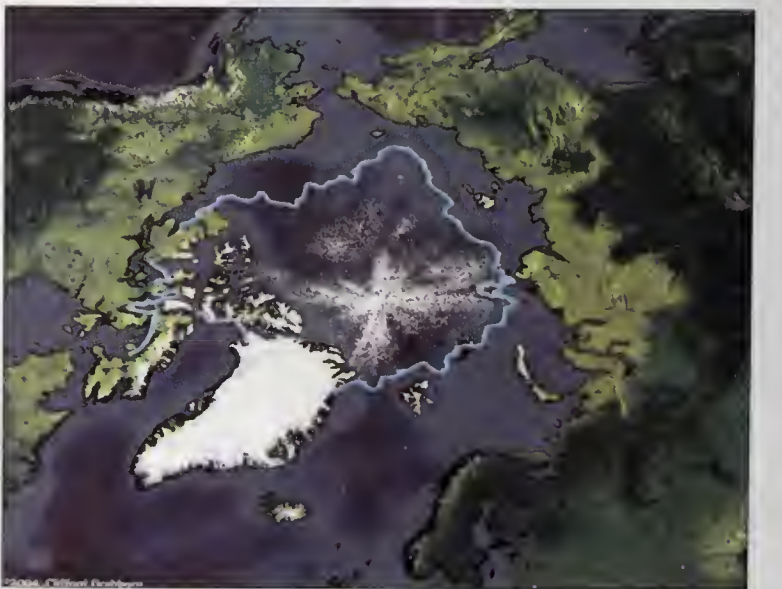
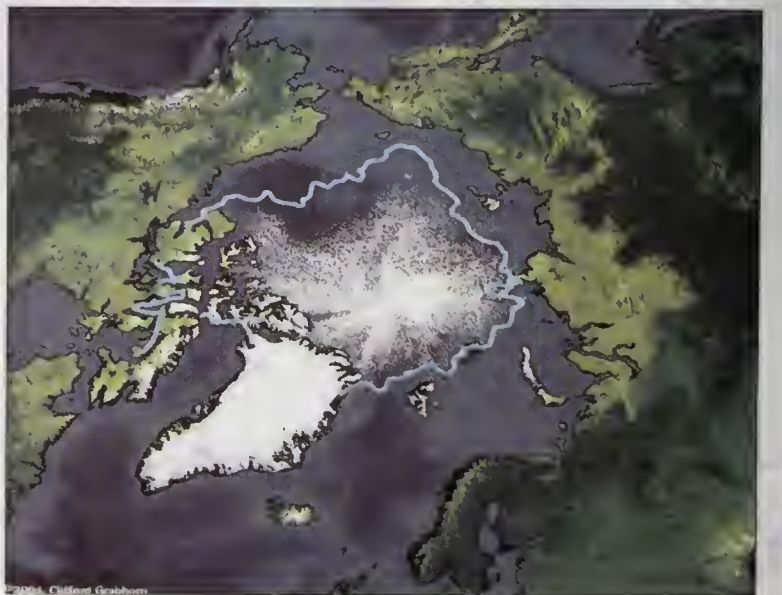
warning for the rest of the world. What happens to the planet happens first in the Arctic. Protect the Arctic and we save the planet," says Sheila Watt-Cloutier of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference. "We must all take what action we can to slow the pace of climate change, while there is still time."

The Arctic Climate Impact Assessment was formally initiated in 2000 at the Ministerial Meeting of the Arctic Council at Point Barrow, Alaska. The Arctic Council is a high-level intergovernmental forum comprised of the eight arctic nations (Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia, Sweden, and the United States), six Indigenous Peoples organizations, and official observers from several countries and scientific bodies.

The Arctic Council's Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program (AMAP) and Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (CAFF) Working Groups, in conjunction with the International Arctic Science Committee implemented the joint project.

The assessment's projections are based on a moderate estimate of future emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, and incorporate results from five major global climate models used by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). The findings and projections were presented in detail at a scientific symposium in Reykjavik, Iceland, which concluded last Friday.

For more information on the Arctic Climate Impact Assessment and access to the full report, visit their website at [www.acia.uaf.edu](http://www.acia.uaf.edu).



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Projected decline in arctic sea ice, 2010 - 2090. Arctic summer ice is projected to decline by at least 50% by the end of this century, with some models showing near-complete disappearance.

## Key Findings of the Arctic Climate Impact Assessment

(Provided: ACIA, Impacts of a Warming Arctic: Arctic Climate Impact Assessment. Cambridge University Press, 2004. <http://www.acia.uaf.edu>)

- Melting of the highly reflective arctic snow and ice will reveal darker land and ocean surfaces, increasing absorption of the sun's heat and further warming the planet.
- Increases in glacial melt and river runoff add more freshwater to the ocean, raising global sea level and possibly slowing the ocean circulation, affecting global and regional climate.
- Warming is very likely to alter the release and uptake of greenhouse gases from soils, vegetation, and coastal oceans.
- The impacts of climate change will have implications for biodiversity around the world because migratory species depend on breeding and feeding grounds in the arctic.
- The treeline is expected to move northward and to higher elevations, with forests replacing a significant fraction of existing tundra, and tundra vegetation moving into polar deserts.
- Disturbances such as insect outbreaks and forest fires are very likely to increase in frequency, severity, and duration, facilitating invasions by non-native species.
- Reductions in sea ice will drastically shrink marine habitat for polar bears, ice-inhabiting seals, and some seabirds, pushing some species towards extinction.
- Caribou, reindeer, and other land animals are likely to be increasingly stressed as climate change alters their access to food sources, breeding grounds, and historic migration routes.
- Species ranges are projected to shift northward on both land and sea, bringing new species into the Arctic while severely limiting some species currently present.
- As new species move in, animal disease that can be transmitted to humans, such as West Nile virus, are likely to pose increased health risks.
- Severe coastal erosion will be a growing problem as rising sea level and a reduction in sea ice allow higher waves and storm surges to reach the shore.
- As frozen ground thaws, many existing buildings, roads, pipelines, airports, and industrial facilities are likely to be destabilized, requiring substantial rebuilding, maintenance, and investment.
- Permafrost degradation will impact natural ecosystems through collapsing of the ground surface, draining of lakes, wetland development, and the toppling of trees in susceptible areas.
- Changes in species' ranges and availability, access to these species, a perceived reduction in weather predictability, and travel safety in changing ice and weather conditions present serious challenges to human health and food security.
- Elevated UV can disrupt photosynthesis in plants and have detrimental effects on early life stages of fish and amphibians.
- The current generation of arctic youth is likely to receive a lifetime dose of UV that is about 30% higher than any prior generation.



# SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

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## Lecture highlighted Sudbury's many lakes



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His research studies in the Sudbury area over the past 25 years have been considered of exceptionally wide national and international significance.

Gunn currently leads a team of 20-30 research scientists and students at the Cooperative Freshwater Ecology Unit. Its research goals are to understand the functioning of industrially-damaged aquatic systems, assess and monitor the process of recovery and rehabilitation of industrially-damaged water, and develop and test rehabilitation techniques that speed up the recovery process.

The Unit also provides research opportunities in the fields of restoration ecology, environmental science, and aquatic

resource management for undergraduate and graduate students.

The Cooperative Freshwater Ecology Unit scientists also work on such issues climate change, forest road development in the north, exploitation effects on fish stocks, endangered species rehabilitation, sensitivity of organisms to ultraviolet light, and the impact of urban development on lakes and streams.

Research Awareness Week, November 15-19, highlights research activities in various disciplines at Laurentian University. The public and students have been invited throughout the week to join in and celebrate the numerous accomplishments of University researchers and the benefits of research to the citizens of Greater Sudbury and beyond.

## Mayor proclaims Research Awareness Week

Last Friday, Mr. David Courtemanche, Mayor of the City of Greater Sudbury, officially proclaimed Laurentian University Research Awareness Week. The proclamation ceremony took place in the Biomechanics Laboratory of the Ben Avery Building.

As part of the official proclamation ceremony, Mr. David Courtemanche underwent a biomechanics test under the careful supervision of Dr. Sylvain Grenier and Prof. Tammy Eger, professors in Laurentian University's School of

Human Kinetics. Following the installation of reflective ball markers on his clothes, the mayor was asked to jump, a movement was captured on video. The researchers then accessed the laboratory's software to create a model of this jump.

Through a combination of 3D video analysis, 3D motion-capture, and wireless electromyography system, the Biomechanics, Ergonomics and Kinesiology Laboratory can measure the electrical signals of up to 16 different muscles at once while providing realtime feedback to participants. Using six infrared cameras,

researchers can generate movement-models for input into simulation software, which can then be used to estimate the force output of a given muscle.

Laurentian University annually hosts Research Awareness Week to highlight research activities in various disciplines at the institution. The public is invited to continue joining the celebrations and the numerous accomplishments of researchers at the University and the benefits of this activity for the citizens of the City of Greater Sudbury and beyond.

## Not-so-great moments in scientific history



BY LUKE NORTON  
S&T EDITOR

Tycho Brahe has been called the godfather of modern astronomy. He discovered a new star (proving that Aristotle was wrong and that the heavens did change), he turned an island into the finest observatory of its time, he determined the length of a year to within less than a second, and his observations (made without telescopes) provided the basis for Johannes Kepler's calculations for planetary orbits. An unquestionably important scientist, Brahe also happens to be one of history's most unusual.

By most accounts, Brahe was an unusual astronomer. He had a pet moose that died after falling down a flight of stairs (the moose was wandering around drunk at the time), and it is rumoured that his death was caused when his bladder burst because he thought it would be impolite to get up and go to the bathroom while attending a banquet at the home of a Bohemian count.

Perhaps the strangest occurrence in Brahe's life occurred in December of 1566, while he was a univer-

sity student in Germany. The story goes that during the engagement party of a professor at the university, Brahe got into a heated argument with a young Dane by the name of Manderup Parsbjerg.

There are variations as to what exactly the argument was over, with some claiming that it was over a mathematical problem, while general consensus seems to believe it was over whom was the better mathematician.

The anger between the two continued to boil, until the night of Dec. 29, when the two decided to settle the matter with rapiers. At 7 pm, in near total darkness, the duel commenced, and Brahe's attachment to the tip of his nose ended upon Parsbjerg's blade.

Soon after, Brahe had a false nose fashioned for him. Again, the reports differ as to whether it was gold or silver, but one of Brahe's pupils claimed that Brahe would carry around an ointment which he constantly used to polish his nose (or to glue it back on).

Tycho Brahe: brilliant scientist, astronomer extraordinaire, and a man with a nose for trouble.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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## Video game corrupts youth?

*Grand Theft Auto promotes crime amongst teens, critics say*

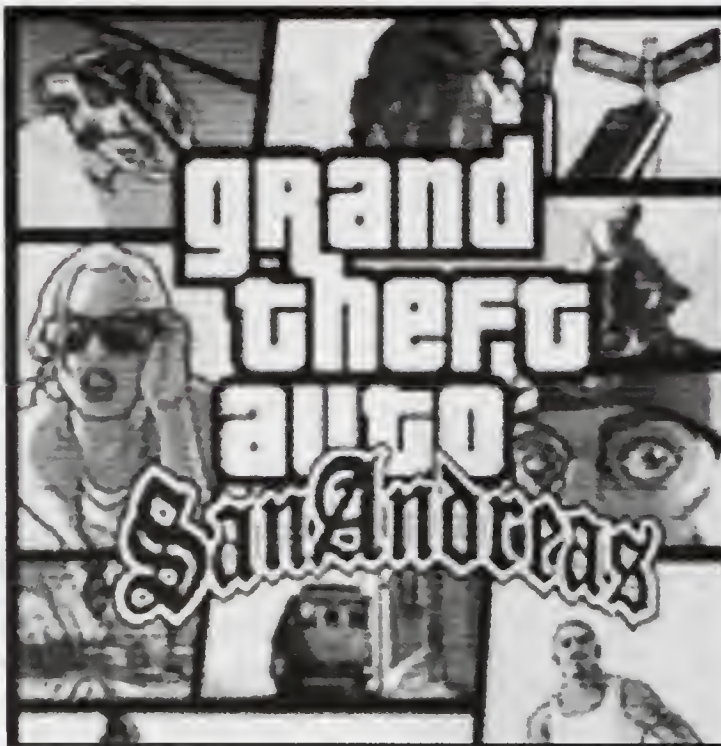
(CUP) — Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas, the newest release by Rockstar Games, has been turning heads across the world. Not even on shelves more than a week, it has sold more than 100,000 copies worldwide. Released Oct. 26, the game has already come under heavy fire, criticized for its extreme violence, coarse language and virtually every other aspect it has to offer.

San Andreas is set in the early '90s, when organized gang warfare dominated much of America. In it, players are expected to carry out such missions as taking a group of fellow thugs to "rub out" some rival gang members, or sneak quietly into someone's home and steal all of their worldly possessions, easily earning the game's mature rating.

American lawyer Jack Thompson has long been against the Grand Theft Auto series. Since the first GTA was released in 1997, Thompson has been very vocal with his opinion the game is nothing more than a program that shows young teenagers how to commit crimes and kill people.

His most recent evidence is a young Massachusetts boy, who was recently arrested for plotting to "mow down" a number of his fellow students and teachers. The student had been quoted saying Grand Theft Auto was his "favourite game."

"The technique of killing civilians and then first-responders when they get there is the primary scenario



to win in all the Grand Theft Auto games," said Thompson to several newspapers.

He said gangs and terrorist groups use these types of games as simulators to train their members to be more effective killers. Thompson has also been trying to bring Rockstar Games to court over the death of 14-year-old Stefan Pakeerah last year, which he claims was linked to the video game Manhunt, where the player must murder as many people as possible in brutal fashions.

Video game retailers across the country have been trying to cut down on the number of minors gaining access to this type of game.

"We've been really trying to crack down on this," said Chris, a Winnipeg Blockbuster employee. "Children shouldn't be able to view this kind of material without explicit parental consent. It's our job to make sure that the rules are carried out."

Teens, however, are taking a much more relaxed approach towards the situation.

"I love the game. It's just a shame that my folks don't like the idea of having it in the house," said Katie Moffat, a 17-year-old student. "I can understand where they're coming from though, since it's so violent."

"I guess they don't want me corrupting my young and fragile mind."

## Rising star to instruct songwriting workshop

November 26th, 27th, and 28th musicians will have the opportunity to refine their songwriting skills with rising star Andy Stochansky, a provocative singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist whose keening vocal style has been compared to Bono, the late Jeff Buckley, and The Kinks' Ray Davies. Stochansky will be in Sudbury to instruct "Songwriting-Refining Your Craft" as part of Music and Film in Motion's 2004 Fall Workshop Series.

Stochansky has been playing music professionally for well over a decade. In 1991, he began a seven-year stint playing and recording with Ani DiFranco, the Indigo Girls, Janis Ian, Jane Siberry and Jonathan Richman, among others. "I was a musician who was really sensitive to people's songs; they would hear me and just hire me because of that," Stochansky notes. But making his own music has always been his primary goal, which led him to go solo in 1998 to pursue his own goals in earnest.

Stochansky's wealth of experience has resulted in the distinctive creative voice of a true artist, with a cinematic flair for lyrical imagery and an intuitive feel for crafting indelible melodies. His first two independent releases, *While You Slept* (1995) and *Radio Fusebox* (1999) were piano-driven, ambient pop records buoyed by a liberal use of samplers and classical instrumentation. Five Star Motel, his major label debut on Private Music in 2002, hailed a transition into more traditional pop songwriting.

Stochansky's highly anticipated new album *One Hundred*, produced by Goo Goo Dolls frontman Johnny Rzeznik and recorded at LA's legendary Ocean Way Studios (Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole, The Beach Boys), is set for release in March 2005.

"Songwriting-Refining Your Craft" is a hands on workshop designed for songwriters interested in improving their ability to write song lyrics and create better song structure. The workshop will deal with the importance of inspiration and discipline, re-writing but not over thinking, the cataloguing of ideas for future use, and being original in a saturated market. This workshop is geared towards songwriters at all levels who are looking for tools to help in developing their craft, as well as a more disciplined writing process.

The cost of the workshop is \$90 for members, \$50 for student members and \$120 for non-members and will take place at Music and Film in Motion, located at 45 Durham St., Suite 105 in Sudbury. To register or for more information, please contact MFM at (705) 674-9954, toll-free at 1-866-674-9954 or online at [www.thinknorth.ca](http://www.thinknorth.ca).

This workshop is sponsored by the Government of Canada and FACTOR. We acknowledge the financial support of the Government of Canada through the Canada Music Fund for this project.

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## Stunning debut CD for LaMontagne

*Rolling Stone names musician 'Hot Songwriter of 2004'*

BY JAMES HOPKIN

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

When times are hard and trouble's knocking at the front door, some people turn to Jesus. Not so with up-and-coming singer/songwriter Ray LaMontagne, whose stunning 10-song debut, *Trouble* (RCA Records), is a testament to his salvation through the medium of music.

LaMontagne's music is definitely a throwback to solo acts of the 70s. In fact, this album sounds like the music of Van Morrison with the soul of Ray Charles and a choir of Al Greens. And people have been taking notice. *Rolling Stone* magazine has given LaMontagne the distinction of being the hot songwriter of 2004 in their 'Hot List' issue, while the *Austin Chronicle* proclaimed that his voice will "stop you in your tracks." *Trouble* is a soulful tribute to hard living, something that LaMontagne understands enough to convey through his brand of classic rock and soul-influenced folk music.

Growing up in parked cars and converted chicken coops throughout parts of the United States, LaMontagne eventually parted ways with his destitute family and took up work at a Lewiston, Maine shoe factory. Working long hours with no plan for the future, LaMontagne had an epiphany. It came by way of his clock radio, when he was awakened at four in the morning to a song by Stephen Stills (of Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young fame) entitled *Treetop Flyer* from the album *Stills Alone*. Later that morning LaMontagne blew off his job in order to search record stores for the album.

"I listened to it, and I was transformed," stated LaMontagne in a press release. "It killed me...it was huge. You don't know how those things happen. I just knew this was what I was gonna do. That morning really changed my whole

life."

And change it did. LaMontagne began to teach himself how to sing and play acoustic guitar, heavily influenced by the music of Ray Charles, Bob Dylan, Otis Redding and Neil Young. To make a long story short, LaMontagne was subsequently discovered by the governor of Maine who then referred him to Jamie Ceretta at Chrysalis Music Publishing. The end result of this life-altering experience has been manifested in the collection of 10 songs that is *Trouble*.

The album was produced in only two short weeks with the help of producer/mastermind Ethan Johns. All the songs were recorded live, with almost

no overdubbing in order to preserve its organic, dusty back-porch kind of feel. Throughout his debut effort, LaMontagne effortlessly wears his heart on his sleeve, as evidenced within the lyrics of 'How Come': "I said how come/ I can't tell the free world from living hell/ I said how come/How come all I see is a child of god

in misery." And, of course there are the obligatory songs of heartache and despair (Jolene, Hannah, Burn) as well as songs consisting of personal revelations, good and bad (Hold You In My Arms, Narrow Escape). Lyrically and musically, this album is genius in its simplicity, as its stripped-down arrangements only intensify the overall listening experience. LaMontagne has the uncanny ability to take a simple song and put enough conviction and soul into it in order to make it soar.

Whether you're a musician or simply just down on your luck, LaMontagne's *Trouble* could possibly change your life.

For more information regarding this album visit the official website at [www.raylamontagne.com](http://www.raylamontagne.com).

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**Ray LaMontagne**  
songwriter/musician



Ben Rowe/LAMBDA

'Bell Park Shoreline - Autumn' by Kim McKibbin is one of several paintings on display at the Sudbury Theatre Centre. The painting is part of a collection by McKibbin and Liz Peekstok on display until November 19th.

## A&E BRIEFS

**Huntington University music professor wins international award.**

Dr. Robert Lemay won first place in the Harmoniecompositiewedstrijd Harelbeke Muziekstad, a wind ensemble composition contest in Belgium.

Lemay's work, "Ramallah," is a composition for alto saxophone. The work was chosen as one of three finalists of 51 entries from 15 countries. His prize: 10,000 Euros, just under \$15,000 Canadian dollars.

Lemay's composition was inspired by tragic events in the Middle East and depicts the fear and insecurity of people who struggle to live in a climate of terror.

Lemay teaches music theory, composition and contemporary music as a part-time member of the Huntington music faculty.

**Lost Weekend**

For those of you looking for an alternative to the usual Top 40 radio rock fare, head on over to the Townehouse Tavern this weekend for the three nights of the best in homegrown Canadian indie rock that is the Lost Weekend.

Featuring a truly stellar lineup of the finest punk, ska, garage and alt-roots rock in the country, the Lost Weekend will deliver the volume in a big way. Notable acts appearing over the course of the three-day event include the Constantines, Planet Smashers and the balls-out rock fury that is C'Mon.

Cover during the Lost Weekend will be anywhere from \$8 to \$10. Weekend passes are also available at the Townehouse for \$20.

**The Skinny**

Thursday, Nov.18 - The Constantines, Varge, The Brutal Knights

Friday, Nov.19 - The Planet Smashers, Rocksteady Foy, The Junction

Saturday, Nov.20 - The Sour Keys, The Swiftys, The Havocs

**Laurentian Idol**

The finals of the Laurentian Idol contest go on Thursday. Fraser Auditorium will host the finals on Nov. 19 with an audience vote deciding the winner.

The five finalists are Sochina Egbeocha, Sophie Bertrand, Suzanne Lemieux, Janelle Baird and Emily Wyszynski.

The five will sing two songs each, preferably a slow song and a fast song. One of the songs has to be a Motown tune. The first prize, while a surprise, will be substantial.

Tickets are \$2 for Laurentian students and \$3 for non-students. All proceeds will go to Camp Quality, a place for children with terminal diseases. Showtime is at 7 pm. There will be a concession stand.



# LAMBDA SPORTS

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## The historic run is over

BY KRIS HARRIS  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Lady Vees women's soccer team lost both its games in the OUA final four, ending a great season on a losing note. The team, who posted seven consecutive shutouts and went unbeaten in its first eight games this year, had to settle for fourth place in the province, which is still the best finish in their short history.

After winning its first two playoff games, the Lady Vees travelled to Kingston for a tilt against the top-ranked Western Mustangs on Nov. 6. Laurentian knew going into the game what was on the line: a win over Western would mean an automatic berth in the national championships in Montreal.

The game was considered to be a battle between offense and defense, and it was played true to form by both clubs. The Lady Vees came out of the gate strong, relying on the hard-nosed defensive game that had taken them this far, stifling the Western forwards. The all-important game remained scoreless at the end of the first half.

The second half proved to be problematic for the Lady Vees, however. Western scored back-to-back goals in the 56th and 62nd minutes to take a 2-0 lead. Laurentian showed their resilience once again, creating a scoring chance off a corner kick, and in the 65th minute, Jolene Fournier put the ball between the pipes to cut the Western lead in half.

Down by only a single goal, the Lady Vees tried to open it up, but the Mustangs added an insurance marker with only seven minutes left to play, securing themselves a 3-1 win.

The coach said that each team tried to eliminate the other's top scoring threat.

"Western marked her (Kristy MacKenzie) out, they didn't want her to create any chances for us," said head coach Rob Gallo. "And we did a really good job against their number one player."

The next day, the Lady Vees played in the bronze-medal game against the University of Toronto Varsity Blues. The fatigue of the Laurentian players was evident; the tough semi-final match seemed to have taken its toll on the women.

"We were on the road for four weeks," Gallo said. "By the time we got to the Sunday game, the gas tanks were empty. They had nothing left. We had left it on the field."

Toronto opened the scoring in the 11th minute, and added a second goal only six minutes later, once again putting the Lady Vees down by two. Rookie forward Erin Wilkes scored the only goal Laurentian would get in the 28th minute, but the Blues got that one back before the end of the half, giving them a 3-1 lead at the break.

The only goal in the second half came for Toronto in



Photos By Kris Harris / LAMBDA

the 79th minute, giving the Blues a 4-1 victory and the OUA bronze medal.

Despite the two losses, the coach was happy with his team's effort this season.

"We're extremely proud of the girls for the hard work they put in this season to get them to this point," Gallo said. "Even though we lost these games, it was a great experience to make the final four, for both the players and the coaching staff. The reality is we had no pressure because nobody expected us to be there. It was a grand learning experience on what it takes to become one of the premier teams in the league."

"It was truly an exciting year. I really enjoyed how the team came together. They really worked as a good collection of individuals and formed a great team. They had great chemistry, they worked their rear-ends off, listened to what we had to tell them, implemented what we asked and gave all of their energy every game."

This game also marked the last time that three members of the team will don the blue and gold: forwards Fournier and MacKenzie, as well as defender Jen Carbone will all be graduating at the

end of this school year.

"We wish these girls the best," Gallo said. "They have been great ambassadors for the school and great leaders on and off the field for our team."

The team has been recruiting in town this year to try to replace these graduating veterans.

"We're actively recruiting here in Sudbury, we've been looking at kids for the past few years," Gallo said. "We want to get a little bit bigger, we're looking at speed, but of course we want to get a pure finisher. A rookie like Wilkes is going to develop into a premier striker, and we feel like we're going to have a good defensive team next year."

Gallo knows other teams in the league will be gunning for the Lady Vees next season.

"There's gonna be more expectations on the team," Gallo said. "The bar has been raised, and they're gonna have to come back knowing that. Nobody's gonna cut them slack anymore."

"If we work as hard as this team has worked, we're going to continue to do well."

On a brighter note, head coach Gallo was named OUA coach of the year this season, and deservedly so. Last sea-

son, the Lady Vees won only one game over the entire season, but Gallo helped to turn things around for the team, coaching them to their best finish ever despite numerous injuries to key players. The coach was very modest about winning the prestigious award.

"The team accomplishment has been more of a thrill for me than the coaching award. It's always nice to be recognized by your peers, but you're only as good as your team, and the bottom line is my team responded to the direction that was given to them, they bought into the system that I wanted to implement."

"They're a great group to coach, and it was a very rewarding year to coach. It was a great ride and I had a lot of fun. They love to play, and they love to play for this school."

Also recognized by the OUA was defender Cara Smith, who was named to the North division's first all-star team. She was a defensive stand-out among a team of defensive-minded players, and since she is in her rookie season with Laurentian, the future for the Lady Vees looks as good as the present.

## SPAD Hockey hitting the ice

The annual SPAD hockey tournament is coming back.

After a four-year hiatus, four third-year Sports Administration students are bringing the tournament, which is the only inter-collegiate tournament of its kind in Northern Ontario, back to the Sudbury Arena on Jan. 12-15, 2005.

The tournament, which was held for 29 consecutive years between 1970-1999, was originally formed to provide non-varsity hockey players in university and college an opportunity to play at a competitive level with players from other schools. This year's tournament is being called the "REVIVAL." It will feature over 180 hockey players from Laurentian University, Cambrian College, College Boreal, and local players under the age of 25. It is hoped that this "REVIVAL" will eventually help to restore the tournament to the level of competition and national recognition it once enjoyed.

In previous tournaments, teams from universities and colleges throughout Ontario and the United States flocked to Sudbury to participate.

Registration is \$500 per team, with a cash prize going to the tournament champion and various prizes and contest going out to the other participants. Registration is currently open to 12-16 teams, with 11-16 players on a team. All Laurentian, Cambrian and Boreal students are encouraged to get a team together and join in the fun, and several spots will open up for non-students under the age of 25. Each team is guaranteed a minimum of three games, and the coordinators are currently in talks with a local cable station to have the final game televised.

To enter a team, or for more information, please call 675-4834 or e-mail [spad\\_hockey@hotmail.com](mailto:spad_hockey@hotmail.com).



# LAMBDA SPORTS

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## Women's basketball team splits first four in regular season play

BY KRIS HARRIS  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Lady Vees women's basketball team opened the regular season with back-to-back wins, but balanced it off with a pair of losses the following weekend to even their record at 2-2. All four of the team's games to start the season were played in the road.

On Nov. 5, Laurentian shot through the gate, defeating the Carleton Ravens handily by a score of 81-56. The Lady Vees played hard and controlled the game on both ends of the court for the entire game. Strong defensive pressure put on by the team forced the Ravens to turn the ball over more than thirty times.

Forward Cassandra Carpenter led the way for the women; with 22 points, 10 boards and nine steals, she was one steal away from scoring a triple-double. Rookie Amanda McConnell added a dozen points, and team captain Tierney Hoo scored 10 in the win.

"We played really hard tonight and I am very happy with the win," said head coach Mike Clarke after the game.

The next day, the Lady Vees moved on to play their division rival, the Ottawa Gee-Gees. Laurentian got retribution for last year's loss to Ottawa in the OUA East final, beating the Gee-Gees 73-65.

The Lady Vees battled hard all game long, out-rebounding Ottawa by five.

Carpenter again led the team's offensive output, scoring 24 points and collecting 13 rebounds.

"Cassandra has once again established herself as one of the top defensive players in the CIS," Clarke said. Forwards Brianne Henry and Ashley MacSporran led the outside attack, scoring 17 points and 15 points respectively while hitting important three-pointers.

"This was a great start to the season," Clarke said. "Tonight's game was a big win for us. Ottawa is a great team that will be near the top of the standings all season long."

Unfortunately for the Lady Vees, the next weekend did not provide the same results. The team went to Guelph to face the Gryphons on Nov. 12. Despite playing hard, Laurentian came out on the bottom end of a 69-57 score. The women came out strong, dominating the boards and shooting 32 per cent from the field in the first half, and at the break they were holding onto a one-point lead. The Lady Vees shooting wouldn't hold up, however, and they ended the game with 30 turnovers.

"We played into their hands today," Clarke said. "We just had too many turnovers."

Hoo led the scoring charge for the Lady Vees, posting 12 points, four rebounds and two steals. With her performance, she became the first Lady Vees

player to score 1000 points in her career, and she also moved into ninth place overall in total OUA career points. Carpenter, who was in foul trouble all game, managed 10 points and 11 rebounds, and McConnell scored 10 points and six rebounds in only seventeen minutes.

One day later, the women were back in action against the Brock Badgers in St. Catharines. Although both teams battled hard, Brock walked away with the 79-69 win. By putting pressure on Laurentian at both ends of the court, the Badgers caused the Lady Vees to commit another 29 turnovers in that game.

Carpenter again led the way for Laurentian, racking up 17 points and 10 rebounds for her fourth consecutive double-double to start the season. Henry and Hoo both scored sixteen points in the losing effort. With her points, Hoo jumped another spot in the OUA career scoring list, vaulting into eighth all-time and leaving her within striking distance of seventh.

Today's game has been a definite set back for the team," said Clarke. "The only thing we can do right now is regroup and get ready for Western next week."

The Lady Vees will be back in action on Friday, Nov. 19 when they take on Western University. Tip-off time is slated for 6 p.m. in the Ben Avery Gymnasium. The team will then take on Windsor on Saturday, Nov. 20, also at 6 p.m. in the Ben Avery Gym.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Women's runners place well at championships



The Lady Vees cross-country running team had a good showing this weekend in their final race of the season, placing 13th at the CIS national championships in Guelph.

Laurentian's top runner was once again speedster Leila Angrand, whose time of 18:57 was good enough for 41st place overall. The most amazing thing about the time was that Angrand popped a rib during the race, but still managed to finish the race in true Lady Vees fashion.

"Leila had some bad luck," said Ricky Goudreau, the squad's massage therapist. "She made a misstep at the one-kilometre mark, took a major jolt and actually popped a rib. I'm amazed she was able to finish the race."

Standout rookie Kirsti Dolson finished two seconds behind Angrand, which was good enough for 46th. Other notable Laurentian finishes included: Alicia Kaye in 77th, Jennie Oliver in 106th, Melanie Muise in 108th, and Marnie Smith in 112th.

"Aside from Leila's injury, it was a great way to finish the season," said head coach Dick Moss. "The girls had their best race of the year and every runner gave absolutely everything they had. We beat a team that was ahead of us at the OUA's and another that has been top-ten-ranked for most of the season."

"I was hoping to finish in the 12-15 range, so 13th was a solid result for us."

### Laurentian out swims competition

The Laurentian swim teams took to the Olympic Gold Pool in Sudbury to challenge the York Lions and Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks on Nov. 5 and 6. Both teams came away with victories this weekend. The men defeated Laurier 176-108 and York 221-44 while the women defeated Golden Hawks 189.50-116.50 and Lions 234.50-68.50.

There were three Aqua Vees that had excellent meets. These swimmers were Colin Jenkins (Hamilton, Ont.), Marshall Bonner (Lotus, Ont.) and Willie Paul (Sudbury, Ont.) Jenkins had four first place finishes and three second place finishes over the weekend, while Bonner matched Jenkins four first place finishes and added 2 second place finishes of his own.

Paul swam an excellent meet earning himself five first place finishes and one second place finish. The team of Bonner, Jenkins and Paul were tough to beat in the pool earning a medal in each of the relay events they competed in.

For the Lady Vees, there were four top swimmers, rookie Dominique Lafleur (Sturgeon Falls, Ont.), Elisha James (Blackstock, Ont.), Stephanie Kuhn (Timmings, Ont.) and Erin O'Neill (Sudbury).

Lafleur earned the most medals over the weekend with a total of seven. She received three gold and silver medals and one bronze. Both James and Kuhn earned six medals with Kuhn finishing first in four of her races and second in two. James had three first place finishes, one second place finish and two third place finishes. Second year swimmer Erin O'Neill earned herself five podium finishes, two gold and silver medals and one bronze.

"We're pretty pleased with the performances of all our swimmers this weekend. Their execution continues to improve and its showing in the positive results they are producing" said head coach Phil Parker. "This was good preparation for the divisional championships in two weeks."

The Laurentian swim teams will now go through one week of training and one week of taper prior to hitting the pool for the Eynon divisional championships on November 20. The meet will be held at the Laurentian Olympic Gold Pool in Sudbury.

## Men's b-ball team loses four

BY KRIS HARRIS  
SPORTS EDITOR

A disappointing start to the regular season for the Voyageurs men's basketball team saw them lose their first four games.

The team opened the season against the Carleton Ravens, losing by 31 points. The Ravens showed why they are the two-time defending national champions on their way to the lopsided 84-53 win.

Veteran guard Andy Greig led the Voyageurs in scoring, amassing 19 points and four rebounds. Centre Ben Palmer chipped in with 14 points and five boards.

"For the first time, we dominated the glass," said head coach Virgil Hill. "Unfortunately, it wasn't enough."

The next day, the Voyageurs squared off against the Ottawa Gee-Gees. Unfortunately, Laurentian would come up just short in the dying seconds and drop a 73-70 decision to Ottawa.

The game was fast-paced, and the end of the first half saw the Voyageurs take a two-point lead to the dressing room. The lead would not hold up however, and the Gee-Gees held a three-point lead of their own with one minute remaining. Forward Aaron Sidenberg hoisted up a three-pointer in the dying seconds of the game to try to even the score, but the shot rimmed out and the Voyageurs lost a heart-breaker.

"It was a hard fought game tonight" stated Hill. "There were some questionable calls made down the stretch that potentially took the fate of the game out of the player's hands."

Greig collected 25 points in the losing effort, including five treys. Palmer added 16 points, eight boards and a block.

On Nov. 12, the Voyageurs travelled to Guelph for a match with the Gryphons. Despite a strong performance by Laurentian, they fell 71-62 to the tough Guelph team.

Greig led the way for the Voyageurs once again, knocking down 19 points and bringing down two rebounds. Palmer finished with 12 points and eight boards, and Sidenberg and fourth-year guard Matt Brown both scored 11.

"We failed to get enough shots tonight," Hill said.

The next day, Laurentian went to St. Catharines for a showdown with the Brock Badgers. The Badgers, who are ranked fifth nationally, trounced the Voyageurs in this match-up, winning 87-57. Trailing 46-17 at the half, Laurentian was never really able to get it going in this tough game.

Greig led the team in scoring with 19 points and eight boards, and guard Brody Bishop was able to get off the snide, racking up 13 points and adding three assists. Palmer played a solid inside game, scoring five points and grabbing 11 boards.

"When we match the pace, physicality, and intensity for forty minutes of our competitors we will be able to compete," Hill said.

The Voyageurs home-opener will take place on Friday, Nov. 19 when they play Western, and the home-stand will continue on Saturday, Nov. 20 when they lock up with Windsor. Both games will start at 8 p.m. in the Ben Avery Gymnasium.



# CAMPUS NEWS

## Laurentian University celebrates its authors

Laurentian University will host a faculty book launch to honour professors who published or edited a book since November 2003. This faculty book launch will be held on Tuesday, November 16, at 4 p.m., in the Brenda Wallace Reading Room in the J.N. Desmarais Library. This event is part of the University's Research Awareness Week, which runs from November 15 to 19. Refreshments will be served. The public and members of the media are invited.

The following Laurentian University authors and editors will take part:

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**Laxman Amaratunga, Engineering**  
Proceedings of the Fifth International Symposium on Waste Processing and Recycling in the Mineral and Metallurgical Industry, CIM-MetSoc. Publication, 2004.

**Madhur Anand, Biology**

Editorial Board for Community Ecology, and International Journal of Ecodynamics.

Editor of a special issue of The International Journal of Ecology and Environmental Sciences.

**Joseph Shorthouse, Biology**

Editor, Symbiosis.

**Liette Vasseur,**

Associate Vice-President Research Associate editor, Canadian Journal of Botany.

**Guy Bonneau, Religious Studies, University of Sudbury**

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Vico and the Archives of Hermetic Reason, Welland, Ont.: Soleil, 2004, 120 p.

**Paul Copper, Earth Sciences**

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Champion et Ooneemeto, French translation of Tomson Highway's, Kiss of the Fur Queen, Sudbury: Éditions Prise de parole, 2004, 353 p.

**Yvon Gauthier, Sciences de l'éducation**

Editor, La Revue du Nouvel-Ontario.

**John Gunn, Biology and Cooperative Freshwater Ecology Unit**

Editor, 2003 special issue of the journal AMBIO - A Journal of the Human

Environment.

**Patrick Julig, Anthropology**

Editor, Canadian Archaeological Association Newsletter.

**Kapele Kapanga,**

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**Sylvie Lafortune, Library; Patrice Sawyer, Mathematics and Computer Science; and Micheline Tremblay, Communication**

publique, University of Sudbury (editors)  
Les Actes de la 10e Journée Sciences et Savoirs, Sudbury: ACFAS-Sudbury, 2004, 201 p.

**Louis L'Allier, Classical Studies, Thorneloe University**

Le bonheur des moutons. Étude sur l'homme et l'animal dans la hiérarchie de Xénophon, Québec: Les Éditions du Sphinx, 2004.

**Charlotte Leonard, Music, Huntington University**

Seventeenth-Century Lutheran Church Music with Trombones (Series: Recent Researches in the Music of the Baroque Era, 131), Middleton, Wisconsin: A-R Editions, 2003.

**Elizabeth Levin, Psychology, and L. Berk**

Child Development: Canadian Edition, Pearson, 2003, 648 p.

**Phillips Thurston, Earth Sciences**  
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**Susanne Luhmann, Women's Studies, Thorneloe University; Ann Braithwaite; Susan Heald; and Sharon Rosenberg**

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Press, 2004.

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**Amadeo Parissenti,**

**Chemistry and Biochemistry**

Guest Editor, Current Topics in Medicinal Chemistry, Volume 4, Number 13, Bentham Science Publishers Ltd. (<http://www.bentham.org/ctmc>).

**Cheryle Partridge,**

**Native Human Services**

Editor, Volume 5, Native Social Work Journal.

**Jorge Virchez, Geography, and Thanh H. Vuong**

Communauté économique de l'Asie-Pacifique: Essai d'Anthropologie économique et de Géographie politique, Presses Inter Universitaire, 2004, 202 p.

**Schuyler Webster,**

**Native Human Services**

Founding Editor, Native Social Work Journal.

Research Awareness Week, November 15-19, highlights research activities in various disciplines at Laurentian University. The public is invited to join us as we celebrate the numerous accomplishments of University researchers and the benefits of research to the citizens of Greater Sudbury and beyond.

## Is plagiarism worth it?

BY CHRIS BLOMME  
LAMBDA CONTRIBUTOR

It was late, and the professor had put in a long day. Lecturing twice, overseeing a lab, a couple of meetings and some data input for the paper he was writing. He teaches first year Biology. There are some three hundred students in the class.

They attend (some of them) the three lectures a week and must attend and write reports about their three hour lab every week in the discipline as well. Laboratories are the hands on experience of principles taught in lecture.

It is winter and the professor

bundles up for the trek to the bus stop in front of the classroom building. He is unrecognizable in his heavy coat and scarf wrapped face. There is a toque upon his head.

A line of students are piling into the bus that has just stopped. There are a few empty seats and the professor randomly picks one behind two students as he prepares to read a book. The bus lurches forward and the twenty minute drive to the downtown hub begins. The sound of voices talking overrides the hum of the diesel engine. Sounds of words and fractured sentences flow through the bus. Near the end of the

ride the prof is reading his book when a phrase catches his ear.

"Biology 1507" was being discussed by the two students in front of the professor. "Hey wait a minute," says the prof to himself, "That is my course." His ears perk up. The students had not recognized him.

One student was talking to the other student about the labs. "I took that course last year. I have all the labs and I got good marks in them. I'll sell them to you. You could use them and skip the labs. They never change the content anyways." "How much" he asks? "I'll let you have

them for ten bucks." "Ten bucks?" he questions. "O.K." sounds like a deal.

The bus drives up to the station and the students begin to get off. The two students in question step off. Just as they are about to walk off, they hear something from behind. Someone taps on a shoulder, "I'll give you fifty dollars for those labs as I am very interested in them," says the prof, in a facetious way.

The students turn around and suddenly realize who was sitting behind them. It was the course prof! Their faces turn red. They have been undone. The winter just got a little colder.

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### Correction

Despite the enthusiasm of the Lambda staff, the headline on the front page of the November 4, 2004 edition of the paper which stated 'Lady Vees go to finals' was inaccurate. The headline should have read 'Lady Vees go to semi-finals.'

Lambda did, however, get the headline correct on page 7 when it stated 'Women's soccer team advances to semi-finals.' The staff at Lambda would like to commend the Lady Vees for their successful season, and wish them all the best in the future. Lambda apologizes for the error.



# SPACE FOR RANT

## Bush receives mandate to continue damaging America

BY SERGIO RENE  
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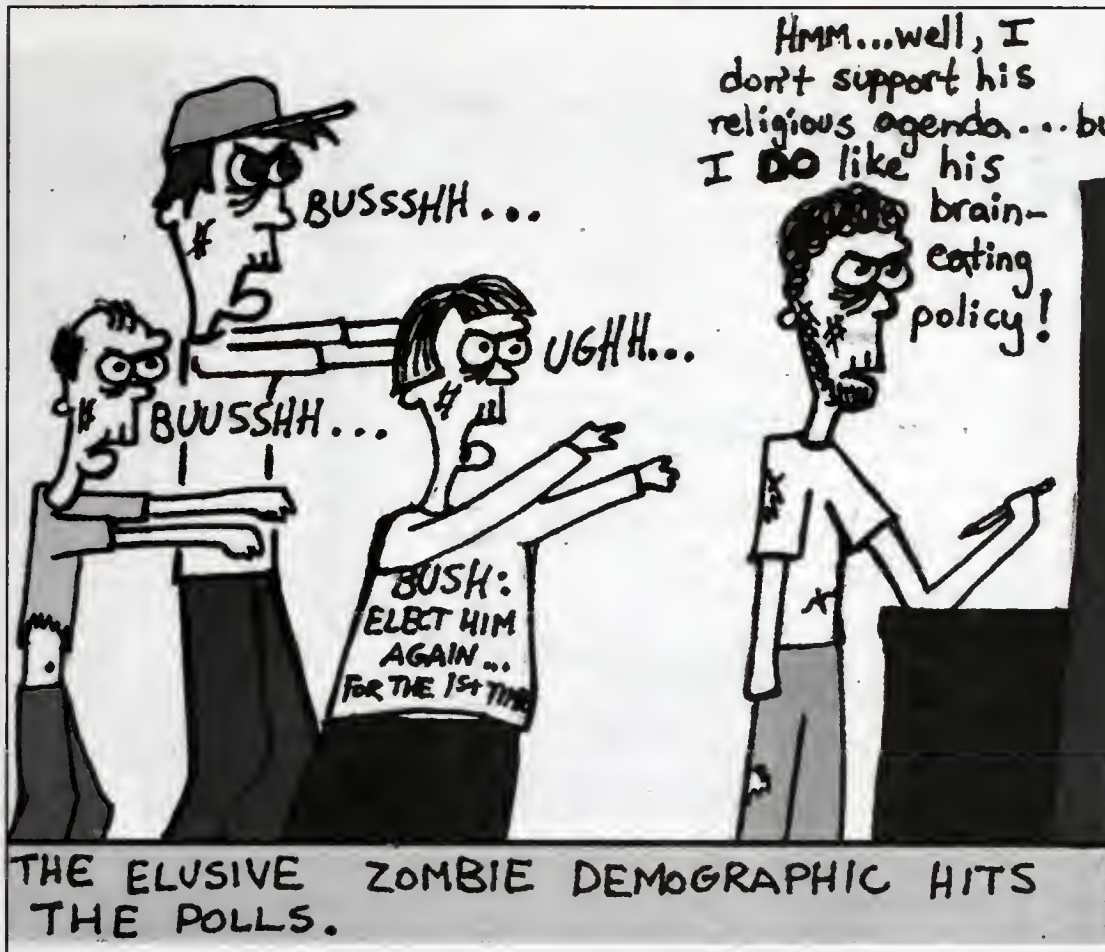
My plane landed in Kansas City, where an impeccably affable liaison from Kansas State University welcomed me to the city. This was my first visit to the United States, invited as an exchange student for a multi-disciplinary project in western Kansas.

After traversing the state for hours, witnessing a mind-numbing ocean of cropland, I arrived to the location for my assigned project: Lakin, a small town close to the border with Colorado.

I worked as the only foreign member of a multidisciplinary team of 5 and stayed with an American family. Open as I was (and I hope to always be) to meeting new people and places, I will always be thankful of the kindness and good nature that was poured on me in this experience.

I witnessed a high standard of living and a good level of ethics. For sure, sometimes they would look at me with reservations, as another Mexican in this hate-love relationship the two nations have played for the last 2 centuries. The Mexican border used to be just a few kilometres west of town, before the 1847 war, on the Arkansas River. I biked there sometimes.

So the experience had



many good memories. On the iffy side, this was my first direct encounter with the right wing "heartland America." At first it is just a bit incomprehensible. I watched a few episodes of the Rush Limbaugh show, and read its newsletter (my hosts were subscribers) and I was amused by his almost total reliance on posturing and prejudice rather than reason to understand the

world.

The really shocking part was to realize how popular he and his views were in this "all-American" town. And they were not a bunch of inbred banjo-playing white trash people (although they were very white indeed).

Conversely, they were people who ran a sophisticated agribusiness, professionals, the town banker -

on top of that my good team-mates took me on a trip to "Focus on the Family" headquarters in beautiful Colorado Springs, intolerance draped in nice smiles and soothing Christian lingo.

How this came to be? I saw a documentary where a sociologist explained that the US was diverging from all other developed nations in their attitudes. While these nations moved towards social liberalism, the US seems stuck with an agenda of "values" and "morals".

While religion retreats almost everywhere, there it has a second golden era, where "born-again" Christians are at the forefront. And this divergence is reflected in myriads of other aspects, like the attitudes towards authority, sexuality, guns and all the etceteras.

Nov. 2, 2004 saw a Federal US government clearly and unabashedly anchored to this heartland America being re-elected for a fairly wide margin (for US standards). George Bush is glowing, ready to push the nation on a defined direction.

For some reason I still cannot find an American friend who celebrated his victory (I must choose my friends using some defined pattern). The elections had an almost Kafkian nature.

We saw the term "liberal" thrown at as the worst insult and a call to amend the American constitution to limit freedom for the first time ever (to ban gay marriage) in a shameless call to mobilize the deepest right wing moral "for the family" crowd.

We witnessed a candidate fending attacks on his record as a decorated war hero from the camp that would vote for a draft dodger. Masses of Americans were convinced that Mr. Bush was chosen by the almighty to be president (why care to vote?, I ask), to act incompetently and still instil boundless confidence in its handling of the "war on terror" on the grounds that he is a simpleton. Meanwhile Bush happily spends like a socialist and cuts taxes to the rich, creating massive economic imbalances that will affect everyone.

Still, we should not forget that the US society is almost evenly divided, with mainly coastal areas and around the great lakes, with firmly progressive states. How to break the tie? Maybe if the US annexes Canada to tip the balance decisively towards progress, bar Alberta and some bizarre bits of the Fraser Valley (infamously called the "Canadian Bible Belt"). Of course I am joking. Perhaps the democrat states might join the Canadian confederation instead.

On the good side, the US is like an enormous vessel plodding the ocean with lots of inertia, and is difficult to turn it around by the will of only one man, even if he is the president.

But in 4 years Mr W. has done lots of damage, though this is not yet obvious. In the next 4 years his own mistakes are likely to explode in his face, and he will be unable to deflect the blame. In fact, some republicans were not too excited on a second Bush term, thinking that it would be better to have 4 years of an uninspiring Kerry, than 8 years of Hillary Clinton, beginning in 2008.

Probably families and nations are overrated, as we are forced to love the ones we received by birth. Arguably our friends and lovers might be more valuable, since we chose them. I chose Canada, and I am oh so proud...

## Doc Talk

BY JOHN LIVINGSTONE  
LAMBDA COLUMNIST

Hey, want to hear something scary? Exams are less than a month away. Its crazy how fast this semester has gone; it has been like superhero fast. I wish I had superpowers. In fact I'd settle for just plain old powers, no need for the super aspect at all. Oh well, I suppose I'll just have to make do dressing as a superhero. I wonder if the invigilators would me take my exams in a mask and cape?

Good news for anyone who wants to join me in doing so, LOCS will be holding a dress rehearsal on Nov. 24. That is to say that LOCS Pub Night is coming up and the theme is superheroes. In addition to the usual pub night stuff, such as draws, there will be prizes for best costume, best group costume and most original costume.

I'll be mightily disappointed if I don't see the mouthwash, toothpaste and dental floss costume. Or failing that, at least someone dressed as the evil gingivitis. I'm still not sure what I'm going to dress up as. I've been toying with the idea of shaving my head wearing a suit and going as Lex Luthor.

Then again, if I pick up some new glasses I might just go as Clark Kent; after all, I'm sort of like Clark Kent. I already kind of work for a newspaper, have glasses, and moved to the city from far away. Now if only I could find my Lois Lane, I would go as Clark for sure. Or if I could find a really big guy willing to paint himself green (cough Wrangler cough) I could go as Bruce Banner to his Hulk.

Man, I'm a fountain of great costume ideas! So anyway, I hope to see all of you, at least all those who are legal, at the SGA Pub

DownUnder next Wednesday evening. Speaking of evening, remember that LOCS hockey is still taking place.

There are still a few spots left to anyone that wants to play. You can e-mail us at locs@laurentian.ca or drop by and see us in the LOCS office (located in the SGA office). Anyone who wants to play is welcome to come out and join us on Tues. nights. The cost is only eight bucks for LOCS members and ten bones for those of you who aren't part of the most fun-filled club on campus.

If hockey isn't your thing, you can get out of my country you sorry sack of \$#@! I mean we also have basketball.

The LOCS three-on-three tourney is coming up shortly and teams have already begun to sign up.


We're holding the tournament on Nov. 28, with cash prizes for the winners. The fee for entry into the tournament is \$10 per person and teams may have up to two subs for a total of 5 people per team. Two plus three is five, who knew?

What, padding my word count? I have no idea what you're talking about. The annual LOCS hockey tourney is scheduled for January, so get your teams together because sign-ups begin when this issue of Lambda hits the stands (that's today!).

So drop by the office as soon as possible because the spots for teams will be filled fast.

Bit of a short article this week; really wish I had something more to talk about. If you have any ideas for topics for next issue's article send me an e-mail at jx\_livingstone@laurentian.ca. There may even be a prize in it for the best suggestion.

Until next time, keep fit and have fun. For LOCS I'm Doc.



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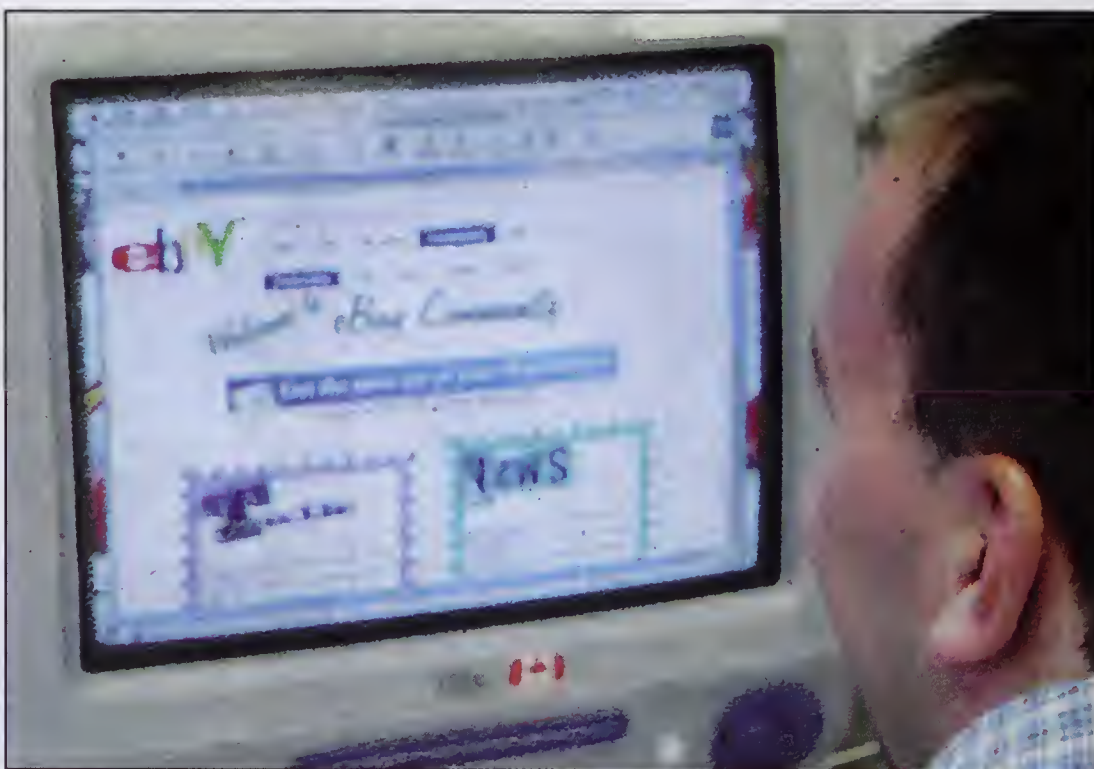
# LAMBDA LAUGHS!

## Shopping for your addictions

(CUP) - Do you often find yourself on your laptop in class, or on one of the school's many computers searching EBay for an amazing deal? Or possibly sitting at home all Friday night, waiting for the auction for the lot of Bat Boy comics to close, making sure nobody outbids you? Well you know what? Chances are you have an online auction addiction!

Now I know what you are thinking: there is no way you really have an addiction, unless of course you are bidding on large quantities of crack cocaine. Wrong. I have seen the dark side; I know it exists. I am even watching my friends slowly cross the line into a hellish world of maximum bids and inflated shipping costs. And really there is nothing you can do. As long as they have a credit card, they will spend.

I, myself, have been there. Until I realized these online auctions were eating away at my soul. I even once thought of selling such soul, however, it had already been tainted. To end the madness I looked for help. Only finding websites for people who engage in too much cybersex, I thought I was doomed.



James Hopkin/LAMBDA

Is this how you are spending your weekends? You might be an online shop-a-holic.

There was no doubt my addiction was worse than talking about how cyber-hard your cyber-penis was. It wasn't my cyber-bank account that was being drained. It wasn't my cyber-boss that almost fired me from my cyber-job. This was

real.

Now I didn't go as far as to rob a liquor store or beat up a homeless person to feed my addiction. I was blowing all my hard-earned money.

The thing about Internet auction addiction is that there are very few symp-

toms, compared to most addictions. I think I may have come down with a little bit of the carpal-tunnel syndrome, but that's a far cry from track marks down your arms. I've never awoken in a haze, only to realize I had bid on things that would

make all my friends lose respect for me, then tried to dispose of the evidence in the trunk of my car, then drove it into the nearest river.

This addiction is really the easiest to start, making it very dangerous. You don't need to be of legal age, you don't need a consenting partner and you don't even have to leave your own home.

Really, the only human contact you will get is when the courier drops off your parcels. I think I would rather have a conversation with a bag of rusty nails just waiting to give you tetanus than the local courier.

So, just be forewarned. Random novelties, like mullet wax or a bag of Paris Hilton's pubic hair, combined with shipping costs, and customs fees, will do nothing for you but make you want more.

When you are shaking in the corner in the fetal position with an empty wallet, you will have nowhere to turn. Not even your autographed picture of the Fonz or your GI Joe collection can help you now.

Get a kick outta this? Can you do better?



Kris Harris/LAMBDA

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Submit photo to Lambda via e-mail at [lambda@laurentian.ca](mailto:lambda@laurentian.ca) in JPEG or TIFF format.

If you have a hard copy photo that you would like to submit, drop it off in an envelope marked "Lambda Photo Contest" in the SGA Office or just slide it under our door at Lambda.

### What we are looking for:

We are looking for photos that tell

a funny story, or just capture an unforgettable moment on film. Be creative! We are leaving the category open to the depths of your imagination.

Oh, one more thing: keep it clean! We can't publish anything too racy (if you know what I mean).

### Deadline:

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